



Dr. John D. Barge, State School Superintendent
"Making Education Work for All Georgians"

CTAE State Update

March 24, 2011



Audrey Bergeron - CTAE State Director

Thank you for the very warm welcome you have shown me over the past few weeks. I am honored to represent such a great group of CTAE administrators and teachers in Georgia. The saying that "March comes in like a lion..." has certainly been appropriate for my first few weeks at the GaDOE. The GaDOE CTAE staff has been diligently trying to bring me up to speed on all the various projects. The excitement is high that this is really "a new day" for CTAE.

CTAE has been part of the conversation in all the meetings I have attended. We are so fortunate to have great support from Dr. John Barge's office and his staff, Governor Deal, and the Georgia legislature. Dr. Barge's new vision statement links to what we do in CTAE everyday—"Making Education Work for all Georgians."

As we move forward with our curriculum enhancements that embrace academic integration, I am sure CTAE will become stronger and more appropriate for all students. Teaching is hard work! This hard work requires teachers that are professional and have the passion to continue to educate our students for the 21st Century workforce. We will continue to support industry certification, national credentialing, revising curriculum, and creating curriculum as needed to include various pathways under the 16 federal clusters.

It was so nice meeting many of you at the drive-in administrative sessions. I hope to meet all of you before or during GACTE in July. Please make plans to attend GACTE and encourage your teachers and guidance counselors to attend. I encourage all of you to become a member of your professional organizations especially in these economic times. We need your voice at the legislative table!

Our work with the Technical College System of Georgia is finally taking off. Some of you may be contacted for piloting student testing for our first state-wide articulation courses. If you can help with this project, I would appreciate it. I realize your plates are very full.

All Superintendents and CTAE administrators will be receiving some information in the next few days concerning applying for federal bonds in order to revise, enhance, or create CTAE programs in your schools. This is a great opportunity for many districts to fund these programs. Informational sessions will be held next week in Hazlehurst and GaDOE.

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64th ANNUAL GACTE CONFERENCE
PARTICIPANTS NEEDED
"College & Career Readiness – Pathways to Success"
July 10-13, 2011

Cobb Galleria Centre and Renaissance Waverly Hotel
Atlanta, Georgia

Go to **www.gacte.org** and fill out your registration by **June 15, 2011**. It is not too late, so please take advantage of this opportunity to grow professionally, stay up to date with what's going on with CTAE Education, and do some serious networking with colleagues from across the state.

"College & Career Readiness – Pathways to Success"
Conference Vendors/Exhibitors Needed

Please take a moment and go through your address book and identify those vendors and exhibitors that you support throughout the year and forward them the link below. This will provide an opportunity to not only give back to education, but also help make connections for the future.

Career Tech Expo Exhibitors Information Link:
<http://www.gacte.org/page.asp?pg=Exhibit and Sponsor Information>

For more information regarding CTAE professional learning opportunities, contact Skip Brown at skip.brown@doe.k12.ga.us.

End of Pathway Assessment Reminder

The FY 2011 End of Pathway Assessment testing demographic data excel spreadsheet should be sent to the GaDOE by June 30, 2011. Please note you may send the spreadsheet earlier, if desired. Don't forget that statistics on special populations are to be included in the report. Contact Mamie Hanson for more information (mhanson@doe.k12.ga.us).

Move On When Ready (MOWR) Reminder

A Move On When Ready (MOWR) Illuminate session for counselors, counselor directors, administrators and CTAE directors was held on January 25, March 8, and March 14, 2011.

If you were unable to participate in any of these previous sessions, **go to the recorded link below** at any time and to view what you missed. This is vital information you need to advise students this spring and several updated resource documents are included to assist you. For any questions, contact Gary Mealer via email at gmealer@doe.k12.ga.us or by phone at 404-463-8197.

http://illuminate.gavirtualschool.org/doe/play_recording.html?recordingId=1258874492391_1300107090984



Twenty-six (26) Georgia STEM Model Schools

These 26 schools have received Title IID ARRA grants to implement a STEM program over the course of three years. They are completing the first year of the grant and are available for interested schools to contact.

School	County/System
Avondale High and Middle School	DeKalb
Bainbridge High and Middle School	Decatur
Carrollton High and Junior High School	Carrollton City
Cedar Grove High and Middle School	DeKalb
Chamblee Middle School	DeKalb
Chattooga County High School & Summerville Middle School	Chattooga
DeKalb School for the Arts	DeKalb
Dunwoody High School	DeKalb
Jenkins County High and Middle School	Jenkins
Laurens County High and Middle School	Laurens
Madison County High and Middle School	Madison
Peachtree Charter Middle School	DeKalb
Ridgeland High School and Rossville Middle School	Walker
Social Circle High and Middle School	Social Circle City
Telfair County High and Middle School	Telfair

Georgia STEM Institute Proposal and Application



The Georgia Department of Education is planning to host the first Georgia STEM Institute July 6-15, 2011. Participating schools would send teams consisting of CTAE and academic teachers to Atlanta for a 10-day immersion experience. Attendees will have the opportunity to exchange ideas, interact with members of different STEM industries and visit STEM sites. Teachers will be able to use the Institute's experiences to develop classroom instruction that integrates fundamental knowledge and real applications.

The Institute is limited to 30 participants.

Sample Agenda

Date/Time	Activity Description
Wednesday, July 6 th , 2011	Arrive in Atlanta and check in hotel 6:00 pm – 8:00 pm -Evening Reception Dinner
Thursday, July 7 th	8:00 am - 2:30 am –Georgia Transmission Corporation Workshop & Tour. 2:30 pm - 4:00 pm –GaDOE STEM presentation
Friday, July 8 th	8:00 am - 11:30 pm -Visit a STEM industry and workshop session. 12:30 pm - 4:00 pm -Visit a STEM industry and workshop session.
Saturday, July 9 th	8:00 am -5:00 pm – Pratt-Whitney Tour and Work Session
Sunday, July 10 th	1:00 pm -5:00 pm -Middle and High School teachers attend GACTE annual conference at the Waverly Hotel in Atlanta. Elementary teachers work with Mr. Chance McPherson, Education Technology Specialist, on integrating technology into the curriculum.
Monday, July 11 th	8:00 am - 4:00 pm -Middle and high schools attend GACTE conference. Elementary teachers will attend a daylong workshop on STEM lessons from Marietta Center for Advanced Academics STEM teachers.
Tuesday, July 12 th	8:00 am - 4:00 pm -Middle and high schools attend GACTE conference. Elementary teachers will attend a daylong workshop on STEM lessons from Marietta Center for Advanced Academics STEM teachers.

Wednesday, July 13th	8:00 am - 11:30 pm- Interactive workshop from Georgia DOE on integrating the curriculum. Presentation from GaDOE on STEM Schools 12:30 pm - 4:00 pm -Center for Disease Control Work Session
Thursday, July 14th	8:00 am - 4:00 pm -Writing integrated units.
Friday, July 15th	8:00 am - 12:00 pm -Completion of integrated units and workshop completion.

Contact Information for Application: Gilda Lyon, Georgia Department of Education, (glyon@doe.k12.ga.us), 404.463.1977-W 423.505.2227-C

BRIDGE Upcoming Webinars

The GaDOE CTAE and School Improvement Divisions will be conducting a series of Elluminate Webinar Series that will be useful for counselors, administrators, teachers and other staff members.

The dates and topics are:

1. **April 4, 2011, 1:00 pm- 2:00 pm: ‘Using Course Selection to Improve Student Interest, Engagement, and Graduation Rate: Designing Career Pathways and Middle School Curriculum’**
2. **April 11, 2011, 1:00 pm – 2:15 pm: Using Course Selection to Improve Student Interest, Engagement, and Graduation Rate:: Georgia’s 6-12 Teachers-As- Advisors (TAA) Framework”**
3. **April 18, 2011, 1:00 pm – 2:00 pm: Using Course Selection to Improve Student Interest, Engagement, and Graduation Rate: Roles and Responsibilities of the Professional School Counselor”**

A reminder announcement with log in instructions will be sent prior to each session. Contact Vivian Snyder (vsnyder@doe.k12.ga.us) for information on TAA, and John Pritchett (jpritchett@doe.k12.ga.us) for information on Middle School Curriculum, Jan Wyche (jwyche@doe.k12.ga.us) for information on High School Career Pathways, and Jackie Melendez (jmelende@doe.k12.ga.us) for information on School Counselors.

Counselor Updates

Middle and High School Counselor Response Survey

The Georgia Department of Education College and Readiness Performance Team has developed a “Middle and High School Counselor Response Survey” to assist in improving communication and services. We are requesting that counselors complete the attached survey to provide a clearer picture of ways we can partner with you.

The purpose of the survey is to solicit feedback regarding the current status of counseling services available to students and to supplement GaDOE-sponsored technical assistance designed to enhance the guidance and counseling services in your schools. We will use the results to provide appropriate assistance for your counselors and students. If you have not already completed this survey, please click on the attached survey link and complete by **April 14, 2011**.

<http://www.zoomerang.com/Survey/WEB22C327FQP9A/>

The Georgia Department of Education looks forward to working with you in an authentic collaborative relationship. Thank you for your cooperation.

Save the Dates for the Counselor Regional Professional Learning Workshops

When: June 2 and 8, Macon State College-Macon
June 3, Georgia Coastal Center -Savannah
Who: Counselor Directors or their designee and one middle school and one high school counselor
Subject: BRIDGE, Individual Graduation Plans, Counselor Supported Teachers as Advisors, Dual Enrollment/Move on When Ready Information

Details and registration information will be forthcoming.

From the Georgia Apply To College Week (GAC) Committee

We are excited to announce that Georgia Apply to College Week will continue to grow in 2011 and we invite all Georgia high schools to apply to participate! This year, the Georgia Apply to College Week initiative has been **expanded to include the entire month of November** and has been renamed **Georgia Apply to College (GAC)** to reflect this change. We are excited about the opportunity this will provide for even more Georgia high schools and their seniors to participate in this exciting program!

Georgia Apply to College (GAC) events provide Georgia high schools with an opportunity to set aside a day during which their seniors can focus on applying to college while receiving hands-on assistance from college and community volunteers. Prior to the event, participating high schools are encouraged to utilize specially developed GAC activities to help their students research and get excited about college. Those high schools selected for participation will also be sent a number of GAC materials to help make their event special.

If your school has not previously held a GAC event – We encourage you to visit the *Information for First Time GAC Schools*, found in the “*Thinking of Holding an Event?*” section of our website (www.usg.edu/apply-to-college) to learn more about what is involved in holding an event.

If your school has previously held a GAC event - We encourage you to review the *Information for Returning GAC Schools*, found in the “*Thinking of Holding an Event?*” section of our website (www.usg.edu/apply-to-college) *as we have made some important changes this year.*

The online application can be found in both the “First Time GAC School” and “Returning GAC School” sections on the “*Thinking of Holding an Event?*” section of our website. **Please note:** Even if your school applied and was not selected to participate in a previous year, we encourage you to apply to participate in 2011. As GAC continues to move towards becoming a statewide event, we plan to select even more schools to participate **this year.**

If your school is selected, the GAC Committee is available to answer questions, offer support to help high schools plan and hold successful events, and provides a number of materials at no cost to participating high schools. We will also provide Site Coordinator and Volunteer training to help ensure everyone has a positive Georgia Apply to College event.

Should you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact the GAC Committee at GACW@usg.edu. We are looking forward to a great event in 2011!

The application deadline is Friday, April 15th.

Scholarship Information

The National Center for Juvenile Justice (NCJJ) in Pittsburgh, PA, recently announced the second annual “Maurice B. Cohill, Jr., Young Investigator Award,” a college scholarship for high school juniors and seniors interested in juvenile justice issues. The scholarship is open to students in public schools, private schools and juvenile placement facilities.

Students are asked to write a research paper on one of four subject areas. There is no entry fee to apply. The award winner will receive the scholarship at an award ceremony during the **2011 NCJFCJ Annual Conference** to be held in New York City during the month of July.

Student application packets can be downloaded from our website at: <http://www.ncjj.org>. If you have any questions about the scholarship or how your students can get involved, please call our toll free number at: 1-877-394-6732.

College Access: Creating a College-Going Culture

Online modules provided by the College Access Challenge Grant to provide professional learning opportunities to educators on such topics of the role of the counselor in providing college awareness, career awareness, and financial aid planning. To get more information on these modules, please go to the following website <http://ceps.georgiasouthern.edu/conted/collegeaccess.html>. If you have any questions, email Thomas Meunier with the Georgia Student Finance Commission at thomasm@gsfc.org.

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Annual CTAE Administrators' Spring Regional Update Meetings

Our Annual CTAE Administrators' Spring Regional Update meetings were a success with discussions held on CTAE grants for FY12, core indicators negotiations for the last two years of the Perkins IV Grant, consolidated application updates, and more.

The PowerPoint presentation that was delivered at the meetings is available on our website at http://www.gadoe.org/ci_cta.aspx. Go to "Presentations" on the right hand side of the page and then click on "Program Delivery Spring 2011 Update."

Work-Based Learning (WBL) Data Report - Due April 1, 2011

The WBL data report to be completed by all coordinators enrolling students in WBL is due on April 1, 2011. The report is at www.gadoe.org/ci_cta.aspx?PageReq=CICTACareerRelatedEd. Go to "CRE Resources" on the right hand side of the page and then click on "FY11 WBL Data Report." This document should be completed and emailed to kivey@doe.k12.ga.us.

If you are a school-wide Work-Based Learning Coordinator (serving a dual role as YAP coordinator) you must also complete the YAP Assessment and submit to your local CTAE director.

Youth Apprenticeship (YAP) Assessment - Due April 1, 2011

The YAP Assessment is due on April 1, from all systems with a YAP grant. The assessment is on our website at http://www.gadoe.org/ci_cta.aspx?PageReq=CICTAYouth. Go to "YAP Resources" on the right hand side of the page and then click on "FY11 YAP Assessment." This assessment must be completed and emailed to lplan@doe.k12.ga.us by April 1. If you need any assistance with the WBL data report or the YAP assessment, please contact Dwayne Hobbs at (404) 657-8334 or dhobbs@doe.k12.ga.us.

Construction Education Foundation of Georgia (CEFGA) & SkillsUSA Setting Records

CEFGA and SkillsUSA Georgia are at it again! The CEFGA Career Expo and SkillsUSA State Championships are on target to set a new record! CEFGA and SkillsUSA Georgia, along with other business and industry organizations, have planned another outstanding event allowing teachers and students to experience careers in construction, architecture engineering and other skill areas. At the current pace, the event will increase participation over last year by ten percent!

All of the students in attendance will have the opportunity to virtually "rebuild" Georgia's own Arabia Mountain High School. Arabia Mountain is one of only a few high schools that is LEED (Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design) Silver Certified. The students will see the best in what construction, architecture, engineering and many other career areas have to offer. The Expo gives them the opportunity to find out how their current high school educational opportunities can prepare them for a great career in one of the fields. There will also be many entities participating, which will provide them with a plethora of ways to continue their training and education beyond high school.

We hope you were able to experience this year's Expo and SkillsUSA Championships, or at least have it on your radar for next year!

Coordinated Career Academic Education (CCAIE) and Career and Technical Instruction (CTI) New Teacher Summer Institute/Workshop

The CCAIE and CTI New Teacher Summer Institute/Workshop will take place in Macon during the month of July. More information will be posted on the CTAE Resource Network (CTAERN) in April and CTAE Directors will be able to register new coordinators at that time. Registration is on a first come, first served basis and there will only be enough space for 30 participants, so please remember to register your coordinators early.

Georgia Association Vocational Education Special Needs Personnel (GAVESNP) Affiliation

Please remember to register for the Georgia Association for Career and Technical Education (GACTE) conference this summer on July 10-13, and affiliate with GAVESNP when you pay your Association for Career and Technical Education (ACTE) membership dues. Special Populations Division sessions will take place on Tuesday, July 12, at the Sheraton Hotel.

CCAIE, CTI, and Project Success Attend Hawks Night

CCAIE, CTI, and Project Success teamed up with the Atlanta Hawks for an exciting night of basketball and over 200 students and teachers were ready for action.

The day began with an educational speaker presentation from several of the Phillips Arena and Atlanta Hawks employees. Bob Rathbun, voice of the Hawks on TV kicked off the event. Bob serves as the Director of Speakers Bureau and play by play announcer for the Hawks. Also joining the group was Chuck Robinson, Director of Building and Events, Bill Abercrombie, VP of Broadcast Partnership Services, Andrew Braun, Group Sales Coordinator and a panel of interns-Trey Smith and Sean Farnsworth. Students learned about career opportunities available to them with Phillips Arena and what track to take in college to work in the entertainment business.

CTI Vice President Wins Big at DECA Region Competition

The DECA Region Competition was held on January 27, at Kennesaw State University. Aaron Waisler, the CTI State Vice President, placed 3rd in the region in the Retail Services category. In addition, on February 25, Aaron was awarded one of the top 20 finalists in the Retail Services category at the DECA State Competition held at the Atlanta Marriott Marquis. Because of his dedication to broadcasting, he was also awarded the CNN scholarship for the STN (Student Television Network) convention in Orlando. This award was only given to three high school students across the United States! Congratulations Aaron!

CTI State Leadership Conference – Judges Needed

CTI will host its State Leadership Conference on April 28-30, at the Rock Eagle 4H Center in Eatonton. The highlight of the CTI State Leadership Conference is the competitive event session and we are in need of approximately 150 volunteer judges to fill 3-4 member panels per CTI event.

The responsibilities of a judge only require a four-hour time commitment on the morning of Friday, April 29, from 7:30 a.m., until approximately 12:00 noon. We also need a few volunteers to conduct a preliminary round of competition for Occupational Creative Thinking on Thursday afternoon, April 28, 2011.

If you are available to judge on April 28 or April 29, please contact Sylvia Phillips at judges4education@yahoo.com or (678) 581-9092.

CCAE Curriculum Precision Review

The CCAE Curriculum Precision Review will take place on March 31 - April 1, 2011, in Macon. Thank you in advance to the CCAE teachers slated to serve on the writing committee for their time and dedication and to their school systems for supporting them in this endeavor.

CCAE Mentors Offer Support

Twenty- three (23) CCAE students are serving as mentors at Battlefield Primary School this year. The objective for their service project is to meet weekly with their “little buddies” to encourage personal growth, nurture self-esteem, listen, offer support and guidance, and recognize and reward improvement.

Oglethorpe High School CCAE Students Excel at the SkillsUSA Competition

With over 275 contestants attending the January 27 SkillsUSA Region 2 High School Competition, Oglethorpe High School’s CCAE students had a strong showing of winners. Coming in second from Oglethorpe County was the Opening and Closing Ceremonies team consisting of CCAE students Ashaunte’ Howard, Briana Smith, Kelsey Hitchcock, Kristan Shellnut, Deveyon Eberhart, and Kristin Tyndell. Kiyanna Eberheart was also on the team. Also competing from Oglethorpe was CCAE student Justin Lapierre in Prepared Speech. The first or second place winners advanced to the Georgia SkillsUSA Conference at the Georgia International Convention Center held on March 17-19. Their CCAE Coordinator is Kanya Cornish.

CCAE Students Attend SkillsUSA Day at the Capitol

Oglethorpe County CCAE students were honored to attend the first SkillsUSA Georgia Day at the Capitol on February 1. The inaugural event brought more than 115 advisors and students together at the State Capitol to advocate for SkillsUSA and Career and Technical Education. Students enjoyed meeting with their legislators, viewing the session from the gallery area, serving as pages, touring the Capitol, and meeting with State Representative Amy Carter (Valdosta) and Governor Nathan Deal.

Culinary Arts Update

- Any teacher currently teaching or planning to teach Culinary Arts must have an interim certificate on file with the PSC.
- New interim certificates will be granted for two years; existing certificates may be extended for one year.
- Those teachers "in the pipeline" having completed all coursework with David Ross in 2008-2009 or the Summer Course at Chattahoochee Technical College will need to attend a review course on Friday, April 22 to forego repeating any coursework.
- The Culinary Institute of America will be in Atlanta this summer to offer their two-week hands-on training for their national culinary certificate. The two-week course is June 20-24 and June 27-July 1. Participants must attend both weeks.

Assessments Update

- Teaching as a Profession end of pathway exam will be available on April 1.
- Statewide articulation assessments will be available for the Introduction course in Early Childhood Care & Education, as well as Introduction to Culinary Arts this spring. More details will follow soon.

Upcoming Family, Career, and Community Leaders of America (FCCLA) Events

- FCCLA Regional Competition on March 12 will be held at locations across the state.
- The State Leadership Meeting and Competitions are on April 15, at the Classic Center in Athens.
- Plan to judge any of the student competitions at the region or state level.

Nutrition & Food Science Pathway Lesson Plans/Resources

The Nutrition & Food Science Pathway Lesson Plans will be on the CTAE Resource Network (CTAERN) DVD available at the GACTE Conference this summer.

Georgia TSA State Conference 2011 Highlights

The 49th Georgia Technology Student Association 2011 State Conference is now in the history books and we are looking ahead to the 50th anniversary celebration next year. The 2011 conference set records for attendance and participation. The awards presented to the middle school and high school chapters in attendance and participating in individual and team events numbered well over 200 trophies and plaques.

The conference hosted the Largest TSA VEX Competition in the WORLD! Congratulations are extended to the GA TSA STATE VEX ROBOTICS CHAMPIONS from West Forsyth High School, Grayson High School, and Loganville High School – Teams 1235, 1183, and 1958A! Arabia Mountain High School and their three team alliance – Teams 1199, 1199B, and 1199C were the state runner-up in the GA TSA State VEX Robotics Championship. Nine different teams qualified for the VEX World Championships in Orlando Florida out of this event.

Students elected seven new state officers and heard a great motivational presentation from key note speaker Susan Yucalan, retired UGA Girls Gymnastics Coach. The students also heard from three UGA Cheerleaders (one a GA TSA Alumni) who were accompanied by “Hairy Dog” the Georgia mascot. Competition, education, fun, and fellowship were witnessed everywhere. A complete listing of winners and selected pictures will be posted on the GATSA website in the near future.

Engineering Assessment -Coming soon, assessment information, including the ordering of the assessment instrument.

Program Certification - Program Certification site team visits begin soon. If you have questions, please contact Ron Barker at rbarker@doe.k12.ga.us or (404) 657-8316.